THE THIRD DAY.

The 24th October, 1905.

The Assembly met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at 8 A. M. on Tuesday, the 24th October.

The Dewan presided and the Heads of Departments and other Officers were present.

SUBJECTS.

46. Prevention of food-scarcity.

47. Use of the plural number in notices and summonses.

Before consideration of the representations was resumed, Mr. S. Padmanabha Pillai, Member, Karunagapalli Taluk, rose and expressed the general regret at the death of Mr. Kavalam Nilakanta Pillai which took place after a short illness subsequent to his election as member of the Assembly, and requested permission to submit in his name three matters which he had intended to bring forward himself. Permission being given, Mr. Padmanabha Pillai said that the first matter referred to the frequent occurrence of food-scarcity in the country and the desirability of adopting some remedial measures. The second was about the use of the singular number (താൻ) in the notices and summonses issued by the Courts to persons of respectability. The late Mr. Nilakanta Pillai's suggestion was that the plural (ന്മാർ or ന്മാങ്ങൾ) should be used in all cases. The third point which the late Mr. Nilakanta Pillai had intended to represent related to the friction between the Nayars and the Elavas which he considered was confined to the irresponsible youths in the towns, the moffussil and the remote parts in the country being free from any racial ill-feeling.

Dewan's reply.—The Government share with the Assembly the regret at the death of Mr. Kavalam Nilakanta Pillai. Government are aware of the good work done by him in promoting harmony and cordiality among the different classes of the people. His death was a loss not only to his own community but to the country at large. The suggestions brought forward in his name would receive every consideration.

Mr. M. Chidambarathanoo Pillai (Member, Tovala Taluk) submitted a number of suggestions relating to a variety of subjects. They were:—

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